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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 March 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 - 23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 - 23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 05 April 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see arguments in section 3 of the Remarks filed March 3, 2006 with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1 – 3, 11 – 13, 16 – 17, and 19 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of newly found prior art Lim (US 6,697,355) and Lee et al. (US 6,657,981).

Lim teaches an access point, which is a base station, with at least one transceiver for offering a wireless connection to a terminal (Figure 3, Column 4 lines 42 – 44, the access points provide the radio communication channels via radio transceivers). Lim further teaches said access points connected in a functional connection with a LAN (Figure 3, Column 4 lines 42 – 51). The access points will be able to access the necessary resources of the LAN, such as the internet, for the purpose of enabling the mobile hosts to have access to the internet.

Lee teaches a LAN card used in an access point that enables said access point to connect to a LAN (Column 3 lines 51 – 59). Typical LAN cards comprise data that enables the access point to connect to the LAN, such as an MAC address.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the LAN card of Lee in the access point of Lim for the purpose of enabling said access point to connect to the LAN as taught by Lee.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1 – 3, 11 – 13, 16 – 17, 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lim (US 6,697,355) in view Lee et al. (US 6,657,981).

Regarding Claim 1, Lim teaches a method of connecting an access point to other network elements in a wireless telecommunication system having at least one access point and at least one fixed network part (Figure 3, Column 4 lines 42 – 51) wherein the access point is a base station with at least one transceiver for offering a wireless connection to a terminal (Figure 3, Column 4 lines 42 – 44, Column 5 lines 5 – 6, the access points, which are the base stations, provide the radio communication channels via radio transceivers), the method comprising: connecting at least one access point to a functional connection with the fixed network part (Figure 3, Column 4 lines 42 – 51), and connecting necessary resources of the fixed network part to a functional connection with the access point (Figure 3, Column 4 lines 42 – 51, the access points will be able to access the necessary resources of the LAN, such as the internet, for the purpose of enabling the mobile hosts to have access to the internet)

Lim does not teach storing data on an IC card for connecting at least one access point to a functional connection with the fixed network part, connecting the IC card

inserted in the access point in response to a need to connect the access point to the fixed network part, and connecting necessary resources of the fixed network part to a functional connection with the access point on the basis of said stored data.

Lee teaches storing data on an IC card for connecting at least one access point to a functional connection with the fixed network part (Column 3 lines 51 – 59, typical LAN cards comprise data that enables the access point to connect to the LAN, such as an MAC address), connecting the IC card inserted in the access point in response to a need to connect the access point to the fixed network part (Column 3 lines 51 – 59, the LAN card will be connected in response to a need to connect the access point to the LAN), and connecting necessary resources of the fixed network part to a functional connection with the access point on the basis of said stored data (Column 3 lines 51 – 59, typical LAN cards comprise data that enables the access point to connect to the LAN, such as an MAC address).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the LAN card of Lee in the access point of Lim for the purpose of enabling said access point to connect to the LAN as taught by Lee.

Regarding Claim 2, Lim in view of Lee teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claim 1. Lee further teaches checking in the fixed network part if the IC card is entitled to use the necessary resources of the fixed network part (Column 3 lines 51 – 59, in order for the access point to be connected to the LAN there will be verification or authentication of the LAN card), and connecting the necessary resources of the fixed network part to a functional connection with the access point in response to the IC card

having the right to use the resources of the fixed network part (Column 3 lines 51 – 59, the access point will be connected in a functional connection with the LAN on the basis of said verification or authentication).

Regarding Claim 3, Lim in view of Lee teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claim 2. Lee further teaches wherein said data includes an address of at least one fixed network part element and a specific identity of the IC card (Column 3 lines 51 – 59, in order for the access point to connected to the LAN the LAN card will need to have the address of a LAN element, said LAN card will also need to have the identity of said card so that it can be identified by the LAN element), the fixed network part element also comprises data on the IC card, assorted by the specific identity (Column 3 lines 51 – 59, the LAN elements will have the access data of the LAN card), transmitting a request for connecting the access point to the network element of the fixed network part on the basis of the stored address (Column 3 lines 51 – 59, the access point will be connected in a functional connection with the LAN on the basis of the address of a LAN element), and checking the rights of the IC card by checking the data on the IC card on the basis of the specific identity and by authenticating the IC card (Column 3 lines 51 – 59, in order for the access point to be connected to the LAN there will be verification or authentication of the LAN card).

Regarding Claim 11, Lim teaches a wireless telecommunication system comprising at least one access point and at least one fixed network part (Figure 3, Column 4 lines 42 – 51), wherein the access point is a base station having at least one transceiver and configured to offer a wireless connection to a terminal (Figure 3,

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Column 4 lines 42 – 44, Column 5 lines 5 – 6, the access points, which are the base stations, provide the radio communication channels via radio transceivers), the access point connected to a functional connection with the fixed network part (Figure 3, Column 4 lines 42 – 51), and the access point and the fixed network part are arranged to connect necessary resources of the fixed network part to a functional connection with the access point (Figure 3, Column 4 lines 42 – 51, the access points will be able to access the necessary resources of the LAN, such as the internet, for the purpose of enabling the mobile hosts to have access to the internet).

Lim does not teach the access point is arranged to connect an IC card inserted in the access point, onto which is stored data for connecting at least one access point to a functional connection with the fixed network part and the access point and the fixed network part are arranged to connect necessary resources of the fixed network part to a functional connection with the access point on the basis of said stored data.

Lee teaches the access point is arranged to connect an IC card inserted in the access point, onto which is stored data for connecting at least one access point to a functional connection with the fixed network part (Column 3 lines 51 – 59, typical LAN cards comprise data that enables the access point to connect to the LAN, such as an MAC address) and the access point and the fixed network part are arranged to connect necessary resources of the fixed network part to a functional connection with the access point on the basis of said stored data (Column 3 lines 51 – 59, typical LAN cards comprise data that enables the access point to connect to the LAN, such as an MAC address).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the LAN card of Lee in the access point of Lim for the purpose of enabling said access point to connect to the LAN as taught by Lee.

Regarding Claim 12, Lim in view of Lee teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claim 11. Lee further teaches wherein the fixed network part is arranged to check if the IC card is entitled to use the necessary resources of the fixed network part (Column 3 lines 51 – 59, in order for the access point to be connected to the LAN there will be verification or authentication of the LAN card), and the access point and the fixed network part are arranged to connect the access point and necessary resources of the fixed network part to a functional connection in response to the IC card being entitled to use the necessary resources of the fixed network part (Column 3 lines 51 – 59, the access point will be connected in a functional connection with the LAN on the basis of said verification or authentication).

Regarding Claim 13, Lim in view of Lee teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claim 12. Lee further teaches wherein said data comprises an address of at least one fixed network part element and a specific identity of the IC card (Column 3 lines 51 – 59, in order for the access point to connected to the LAN the LAN card will need to have the address of a LAN element, said LAN card will also need to have the identity of said card so that it can be identified by the LAN element), the fixed network part element also comprises data on the IC card, assorted by the specific identity (Column 3 lines 51 – 59, the LAN elements will have the access data of the LAN card), the access point is arranged to transmit a request for connecting the access point to the

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network element of the fixed network part on the basis of the stored address (Column 3 lines 51 – 59, the access point will be connected in a functional connection with the LAN on the basis of the address of a LAN element), and the network element of the fixed network part is arranged to check the rights of the IC card by checking the data on the IC card on the basis of the specific identity and by authenticating the IC card (Column 3 lines 51 – 59, in order for the access point to be connected to the LAN there will be verification or authentication of the LAN card).

Regarding Claim 16, Lim teaches an access point in a wireless telecommunication system, wherein the access point is a base station configured to offer a wireless connection to a terminal (Figure 3, Column 4 lines 42 – 44, Column 5 lines 5 – 6, the access points, which are the base stations, provide the radio communication channels via radio transceivers), the access point comprises controller and at least one transceiver for setting up a functional connection to required resources of a fixed network part (Figure 3, Column 4 lines 42 – 51, the access points will be able to access the necessary resources of the LAN, such as the internet, for the purpose of enabling the mobile hosts to have access to the internet).

Lim does not teach the access point is configured to connect an IC card inserted in the access point to allow for reading data on the IC card and the access point comprises a controller and at least one transceiver for setting up a functional connection to required resources of a fixed network part on the basis of the data stored on the IC card.

Lee teaches the access point is configured to connect an IC card inserted in the access point to allow for reading data on the IC card (Column 3 lines 51 – 59, typical LAN cards comprise data that enables the access point to connect to the LAN, such as an MAC address) and the access point comprises a controller and at least one transceiver for setting up a functional connection to required resources of a fixed network part on the basis of the data stored on the IC card (Column 3 lines 51 – 59, typical LAN cards comprise data that enables the access point to connect to the LAN, such as an MAC address).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the LAN card of Lee in the access point of Lim for the purpose of enabling said access point to connect to the LAN as taught by Lee.

Regarding Claim 17, Lim in view of Lee teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claim 16. Lee further teaches wherein said data comprises an address of at least one fixed network part element and a specific identity of the IC card (Column 3 lines 51 – 59, in order for the access point to connected to the LAN the LAN card will need to have the address of a LAN element, said LAN card will also need to have the identity of said card so that it can be identified by the LAN element), the control means are arranged to send a request including a specific identity of the IC card for connecting the access point to the network element of the fixed network part on the basis of the stored address (Column 3 lines 51 – 59, the access point will be connected in a functional connection with the LAN on the basis of the address of a LAN element), and the control means are arranged to set up a functional connection to at least one network

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element of the fixed network part in response to an accepted request for connecting the access point (Column 3 lines 51 – 59, in order for the access point to be connected to the LAN there will be verification or authentication of the LAN card).

Regarding Claim 19, Lim in view of Lee teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claim 16. Lim further teaches wherein the access point is a base station in the wireless telecommunication system (Figure 3, Column 4 lines 42 – 44, Column 5 lines 5 – 6).

4. Claims 4 – 5, 8, 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lim (US 6,697,355) in view Lee et al. (US 6,657,981), as applied to Claims 1, 16 above, and in further view of Sherer et al. (6,115,376).

Regarding Claim 4, Lim in view of Lee teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claim 1. Lee further teaches connecting the access point to a functional connection with the resources of the fixed network part in response to the authentication being acceptable (Column 3 lines 51 – 59, in order for the access point to be connected to the LAN there will be verification or authentication of the LAN card).

Lim in view of Lee does not teach wherein said data includes at least one key and algorithm required for authenticating the IC card the method further comprising the steps of transmitting an authentication response, calculated by means of at least one key and algorithm, to the fixed network part, authenticating the IC card by checking the transmitted authentication response in the fixed network part.

Sherer teaches at least one key and algorithm required for authenticating the IC card the method further comprising the steps of transmitting an authentication response, calculated by means of at least one key and algorithm (Column 5 lines 54 – 67, Column 6 lines 1 – 5), authenticating the IC card by checking the transmitted authentication response (Column 5 lines 54 – 67, Column 6 lines 1 – 5).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the authentication method taught by Sherer in the LAN card of Lim in view of Lee for the purposes of communicating securely and preventing the spoofing of MAC addresses as taught by Sherer.

Regarding Claim 5, Lim in view of Lee teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claim 1. Lim in view of Lee does not teach wherein said data includes at least one key and algorithm for ciphering the connection between the access point and the fixed network part, and the method further includes the step of ciphering the traffic between the access point and the fixed network part by utilizing at least one key and algorithm.

Sherer teaches wherein said data includes at least one key and algorithm for ciphering a connection and the method further includes the step of ciphering the traffic by utilizing at least one key and algorithm (Column 5 lines 54 – 67, Column 6 lines 1 – 5).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the authentication method taught by Sherer in the LAN card

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of Lim in view of Lee for the purposes of communicating securely and preventing the spoofing of MAC addresses as taught by Sherer.

Regarding Claim 8, Lim in view of Lee teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claim 1. Lee further teaches other data, in addition to said data related to the use of the access points is stored on the IC card (Column 3 lines 51 – 59, typical LAN cards comprises processors which comprise memory that stores data or code for running said processors).

Lim in view of Lee does not teach wherein the IC card comprises a security function for checking a user of the IC card.

Sherer teaches wherein the IC card comprises a security function for checking a user of the IC card (Column 1 lines 43 – 47, Column 2 lines 39 – 41, promiscuous users are checked such that spoofing can be prevented).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the authentication method taught by Sherer in the LAN card of Lim in view of Lee for the purposes of communicating securely and preventing the spoofing of MAC addresses as taught by Sherer.

Regarding Claim 18, Lim in view of Lee teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claim 16. Lim in view of Lee does not teach wherein the control means are arranged to transmit a request to the IC card for calculating an authentication response and at least one ciphering key, the control means are arranged to transmit the authentication response calculated on the IC card to the fixed network part, and the transceiver means are arranged to cipher the data to be sent to the fixed network part

and to decrypt the data received from the fixed network part by means of at least one ciphering key calculated on the IC card.

Sherer teaches wherein the control means are arranged to transmit a request to the IC card for calculating an authentication response and at least one ciphering key (Column 5 lines 54 – 67, Column 6 lines 1 – 5), the control means are arranged to transmit the authentication response calculated on the IC card (Column 5 lines 54 – 67, Column 6 lines 1 – 5), and the transceiver means are arranged to cipher the data and to decrypt the data received by means of at least one ciphering key calculated on the IC card (Column 5 lines 54 – 67, Column 6 lines 1 – 5).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the authentication method taught by Sherer in the LAN card of Lim in view of Lee for the purposes of communicating securely and preventing the spoofing of MAC addresses as taught by Sherer.

5. Claims 6, 9 – 10, 14, 20, 21, 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lim (US 6,697,355) in view Lee et al. (US 6,657,981), as applied to Claims 1, 11, 16 above, and in further view of Widegren et al. (US 6,374,112)

Regarding Claims 6, 14, Lim in view of Lee teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claims 1, 11. Lee further teaches an access point server (Figure 2, LANs that are connected to access points comprise access point servers that enable said connection to take place), and an access point register server in a functional connection thereto and includes stored data relating to the IC card (Figure 2, the server must

authenticate the LAN card therefore said server will comprise authentication data thus said server is also the access point register server), the method further comprising the steps of: transmitting a specific identity of the IC card to the access point register server (Column 3 lines 51 – 59, typical LAN cards comprise a MAC address which is an identity), checking a right of the IC card to use the resources of the fixed network part (Column 3 lines 51 – 59, in order for the access point to be connected to the LAN there will be verification or authentication of the LAN card), selecting an access point server for the access point in response to the IC card having the right to use the resources of the fixed network part (Column 3 lines 51 – 59, in order for the access point to be connected to the LAN there will be verification or authentication of the wireless network card), transmitting data on the selected access point server to the access point and data on the access point to be connected to the access point server (Column 3 lines 51 – 59, in order for the access point to be connected to the LAN there will be verification or authentication of the wireless network card, said verification or authentication comprises transmission and reception of data).

Lim in view of Lee does not teach transmitting from the access point to the access point server a request for selecting a radio network controller, selecting a radio network controller for the access point, and connecting the access point to a functional connection with the radio network controller and other optionally required resources.

Widegren teaches selecting a radio network controller (Figure 1, Column 5 lines 46 – 52), selecting a radio network controller for the access point (Figure 1, Column 5 lines 46 – 52), and connecting the access point to a functional connection with the radio

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network controller and other optionally required resources (Figure 1, Column 5 lines 46 – 52).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the UMTS infrastructure in the wireless system of Lim in view of Lee for the purpose of providing wireless access at very high data rates and enhanced bearer services not realistically attainable with first and second generation CDMA systems as taught by Widegren.

Regarding Claim 9, Lim in view of Lee teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claim 1. Lim in view of Lee does not teach wherein the access point is a base station in a UMTS system, and the fixed network part comprises at least a UMTS system radio network controller RNC.

Widegren teaches wherein the access point is a base station in a UMTS system, and the fixed network part comprises at least a UMTS system radio network controller RNC (Figure 1, Column 5 lines 46 – 52).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the UMTS infrastructure in the wireless system of Lim in view of Lee for the purpose of providing wireless access at very high data rates and enhanced bearer services not realistically attainable with first and second generation CDMA systems as taught by Widegren.

Regarding Claims 10, 20, Lim in view of Lee teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claims 1, 16. Lim in view of Lee does not teach wherein the access point is a

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UMTS system radio network controller RNC and the fixed network part comprises one or more network elements of a core network of a UMTS system.

Widegren teaches wherein the access point is a UMTS system radio network controller RNC and the fixed network part comprises one or more network elements of a core network of a UMTS system (Figure 1).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the UMTS infrastructure in the wireless system of Lim in view of Lee for the purpose of providing wireless access at very high data rates and enhanced bearer services not realistically attainable with first and second generation CDMA systems as taught by Widegren.

Regarding Claims 21, 23, Lim in view of Lee and in further view of Widegren teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claims 6, 14. Lee further teaches wherein the stored data relating to the IC card includes the specific identity of the IC card (Column 3 lines 51 – 59, typical LAN cards comprise a MAC address which is an identity).

6. Claims 7, 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lim (US 6,697,355) in view Lee et al. (US 6,657,981) in view of Widegren et al. (US 6,374,112), as applied to Claims 6, 14 above, and further in view of Sherer et al. (6,115,376).

Regarding Claims 7, 15, Lim in view of Lee and in further view of Widegren teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claims 6, 14. Widegren further teaches

connecting the access point to a functional connection with the radio network controller (Figure 1, Column 5 lines 46 – 52).

Lim in view of Lee and in further view of Widegren does not teach calculating at least one cipher key and authentication response in the IC card and in the access point register server, transmitting the authentication response calculated in the IC card to the access point register server, authenticating the IC card by checking if the transmitted authentication response corresponds to the authentication response calculated in the access point register server, and connecting, in response to an acceptable authentication, the access point to a functional connection with the radio network controller in such a manner that the traffic between the access point and the radio network controller is ciphered by the calculated cipher keys.

Sherer teaches calculating at least one cipher key and authentication response in the IC card and in the access point register server (Column 5 lines 54 – 67, Column 6 lines 1 – 5), transmitting the authentication response calculated in the IC card to the access point register server (Column 5 lines 54 – 67, Column 6 lines 1 – 5), authenticating the IC card by checking if the transmitted authentication response corresponds to the authentication response calculated in the access point register server (Column 5 lines 54 – 67, Column 6 lines 1 – 5), and connecting, in response to an acceptable authentication, the access point to a functional connection in such a manner that the traffic between the access point and the LAN is ciphered by the calculated cipher keys (Column 5 lines 54 – 67, Column 6 lines 1 – 5).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the authentication method taught by Sherer in the LAN card of Lim in view of Lee and in further view of Widegren for the purposes of communicating securely and preventing the spoofing of MAC addresses as taught by Sherer.

7. Claim 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lim (US 6,697,355) in view Lee et al. (US 6,657,981) in view of Sherer et al. (6,115,376), as applied to Claim 8 above, and further in view of Widegren et al. (US 6,374,112).

Regarding Claim 22, Lim in view of Lee and in further view of Sherer teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claim 8.

Lim in view of Lee and in further view of Sherer does not teach wherein the other data stored on the IC card includes data required in UMTS system USIM application.

Widegren teaches the data stored that includes data required in UMTS system USIM application (Figure 1, Column 5 lines 28 – 30, a UMTS system will have storage for data required in a UMTS system USIM application).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the UMTS infrastructure in the wireless system of Lim in view of Lee and in further view of Sherer for the purpose of providing wireless access at very high data rates and enhanced bearer services not realistically attainable with first and second generation CDMA systems as taught by Widegren.


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Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Raymond S. Dean whose telephone number is 571-272-7877. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 6:00-2:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward F. Urban can be reached on 571-272-7899. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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